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In re application of LELEU Jean-Bernard, HAON Patrick,
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FOR : MALTITOL CRYSTALS OF PARTICULAR FORMS, CRYSTALLINE
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR
PREPARATION.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure set forth
in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99 the
Applicant hereby submits :

(a) a list of prior art referred to by the Applicant in
the specification of the application and/or which has been
cited in the Search Report prepared by the French Patent
Office (INPI) in respect of the corresponding French
Application n° 97 12035 ;

(b) a copy of this Search Report attached in order to
inform the U.S. Examiner of the first opinion of the
Examiner of the INPI, and those portions of the references
found pertinent by the latter ;

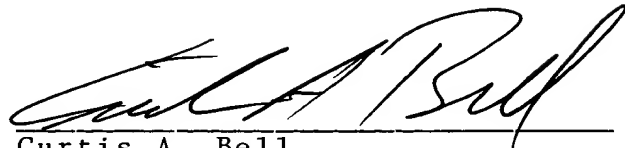
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